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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sayoko Matsumoto et al.)) Group Art Unit: 1645
Application No.: 10/574,583)) Examiner: Greene, Jaime M.)
Filed: February 8, 2007) Confirmation No.: 3961
For: METHOD OF STRETCHING SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID, SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID STRETCHING SYSTEM AND DNA CHIP))))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement mailed November 2, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended through January 2, 2008, by a petition for extension of time of one month, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- Group I Claims 1-4, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a nucleic acid stretch method;
- Group II Claims 5-9, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a nucleic acid stretch method; and
- Group III Claim 10, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a DNA chip.

 Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-4.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 5, 2007

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